

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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Telecommunications technology provides great opportunity to improve the healthcare of Idaho citizens. This act identifies some of the benefits and outlines the acceptable use of telemedicine and telehealth in our state.

It relies on the existing regulatory boards of the healthcare professions as outlined in Title 54, and requires that any telehealth services be within the scope of license and consistent with the standards of the profession as defined by their board. It also defines how the patient-provider relationship may be established without face to face in person contact. It also places limitations on the prescriptions that can be authorized via telehealth tools.

Informed consent, provisions for continuity of care and the availability of records of the encounter are also covered.

Disciplinary action for violations of this act are to be enforced by the individual licensing board.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no anticipated additional cost to any of these self-funding professional boards. Payment for telehealth services are outside the scope of this law.

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